

PRESIDENT ASKS MINERS' RETURN

Tells Them Refusal Will Prejudice Organized Labor's Cause.

TO NAME COMMISSION

Full Investigation Promised on Which to Base Wage Agreement.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—The president's proposal to the striking coal miners, as announced this afternoon by Attorney General Palmer here, provides for immediate return to work by the men under the 14 per cent advance and appointment of a commission to investigate and readjust wages to conform with the increased cost of living.

President Wilson's proposal to the miners follows:

"I have watched with deep concern the developments in the continuous coal strike and am convinced there is much confusion in the minds of the people generally and possibly of both parties to this unfortunate controversy as to the attitude and purpose of the government in the handling of the situation.

"The mine owners offered an in-

crease of 20 per cent, conditioned, however, upon the price of coal being raised to an amount sufficient to cover this proposed increase of wage which would have added at least \$150,000,000 to the annual coal bill of the people. The fuel administration, in the light of the present information, has taken the position, and I think with entire justification, that the public is now paying as high prices for coal as it ought to be required to pay, and that any wage increase made at this time ought to come out of the profits of the coal operators.

Equalizes Averages.

"In reaching this conclusion, the fuel administration expressed the personal opinion that the 14 per cent increase in all mine wages is reasonable, because it would equalize the miners' wages on an average with the cost of living, but he made it perfectly clear that the operators and miners are at liberty to agree upon a larger increase, provided the operators will pay out of their profits so that the price of coal could remain the same.

"The secretary of labor, in an effort at conciliation, between the parties expressed his personal opinion in favor of a larger increase. His effort at conciliation failed, however, because the coal operators were unwilling to pay the wage he proposed unless the government would advance the price of coal to the public and this the government was unwilling to do.

"The fuel administration has also suggested that a tribunal be created in which the miners and operators would be equally represented to consider further questions of wages and working conditions, as well as profits of operators and proper prices of coal. I shall, of course, be glad to

aid in the formation of such a tribunal.

"I understand the operators have generally agreed to absorb the increase of 14 per cent wages, so that the public would pay not to exceed the present price fixed by the fuel administration, and thus a way is opened to secure the coal of which the people stand in need. If the miners will resume work on these terms, pending a thorough investigation by an impartial commission which may readjust both wages and prices.

"By the acceptance of such a plan, the miners are assured immediate steady employment at a substantial increase in wages and are further assured prompt investigation and action upon questions which are now settled to their satisfaction. I must believe that with a clear understanding of these points they will promptly return to work. If, nevertheless, they persist in remaining on strike, they will put themselves in an attitude of striking in order to force the government to increase the price of coal to the public, so as to give a still further increase in wages at the same time rather than allow the question of a further increase in wages to be dealt with in an orderly manner by a fairly constituted tribunal representing all parties interested.

"No group of our people can justify such a position and the miners

owe it to themselves, their families, their fellow workmen in other industries and to their country, to return to work.

"Immediately upon the general resumption of mining, I shall be glad to aid in the prompt formation of such a tribunal as I have indicated to make further inquiries into this whole matter and review not only the reasonableness of the wages at which the miners start to work, but also the reasonableness of the government prices for coal. Such a tribunal should, within 60 days, make its report which could be used as a basis for negotiating for a wage agreement. I must make it clear, however, that the government cannot give its aid to any such further investigation until there is a general resumption of work.

"I ask every individual miner to give his personal thought to what I say. I hope he understands fully that he will be hurting his own interest and the interest of his family and will be throwing countless laboring men out of employment if he shall continue the present strike, and further, that he will create an unnecessary and unfortunate prejudice against organized labor which will be injurious to the best interests of working men everywhere.

(Signed)

WOODROW WILSON

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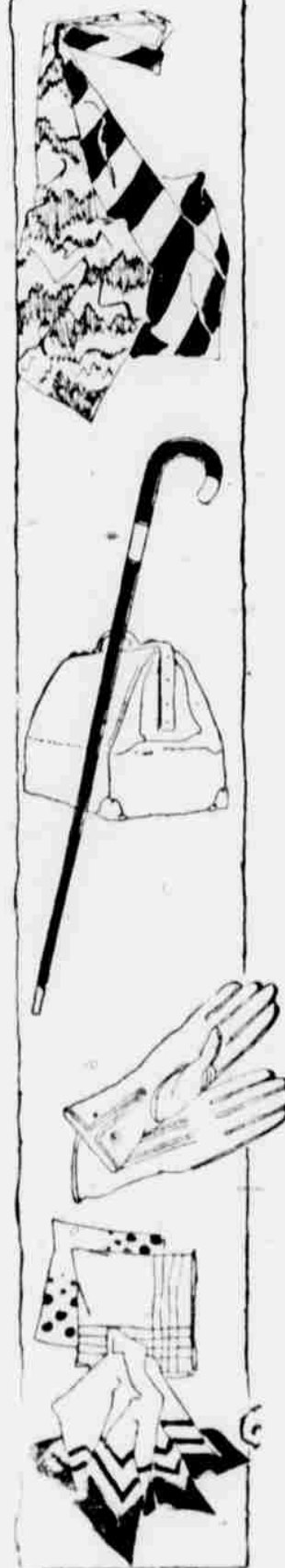
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Driving Gloves...\$3.50 to \$12.50
Gauntlets...\$1.50 to \$12.50
Full Dress Gloves...\$1.50 to \$3.50

Leather Goods

Wardrobe Trunks...\$30 to \$150
Hand Bags...\$12 to \$60
Gladstone Bags...\$30 to \$50
Suit Cases...\$9 to \$50
Pitted Cases...\$47.50 to \$100
Collar Bags...\$2 to \$6

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Felt Comfy Slippers...\$2.25 to \$3.50

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Hand-made Scarfs \$1 to \$3.50
Imported Scarfs...\$4 to \$6
Silk Knit Scarfs...\$2.50 to \$5
Dress Cravats...50c to \$1
Bow Cravats...50c to \$1

Jewelry

Full Dress Sets...\$2.50 to \$6
Scarf Pins...\$1 to \$3.50
Soft Cuff Links...50c to \$4
Collar Pins...50c to \$1.50
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